

Bylaws of Clemson University

Class of 1939

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Clemson University Class of 1939.

Section 2. The Clemson University Class of 1939 shall function under the auspices of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost of Clemson University, hereafter referred to as the Office of the Provost.

Section 3. The Clemson University Class of 1939 shall hereafter be referred to as the Class.

ARTICLE II - VISION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. The vision of the Class is to perpetuate and champion the traditions of the original members of the Class and promote their values of selfless generosity, service, loyalty and dedication to Clemson University.

Section 2. The purposes of the Class include the following:

- a) Continue the annual reunion of the Class, including the Memorial Service.
- b) Promote and sustain, with the various partners at the University, the Class of '39 Award for Excellence (see *The Class of 1939 Award for Excellence Endowment fund agreement and Award for Excellence Brochure* dated June 9, 2010 attached as appendix B) and maintain a spirit of collegiality and participation in Class activities among the recipients of the Award.
- c) Establish and sustain Class of '39 scholarships for students (see *The Class of 1939 Scholarships Endowment fund agreement* attached as appendix C).
- d) Facilitate the creation of and help sustain campus projects that memorialize the history and legacy of Clemson University or otherwise serve the University community and the public.
- e) Engage in other activities that promote the vision of the Class (see *The Class of 1939 Endowment for the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University fund agreement* attached as appendix D).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Original Members: Those men who attended Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College sometime during the years 1935 -1939 and identified themselves most strongly with the Class of 1939. This membership is closed and limited to those listed in appendix A (attached)

Section 2. Honorary Members: Individuals (selected as described below) who are granted full privileges as members of the class and are encouraged to participate fully in all class activities and to share the ideals of excellence for Clemson University. They are:

- a) The widows of original members;
- b) Faculty who have received the Class of '39 Award for Excellence;
- c) Special friends who have been selected by the Class because of their contributions to the Class vision and activities.

Section 3. Meetings: There shall be at least three annual meetings of the class. One meeting will be held at the time of the Bell Tower Ceremony; one meeting will be held at the time of the Annual Reunion; one meeting will be held at a time determined by the Executive Committee. Business matters may be brought before the membership at that meeting or at other meetings called by the Executive Committee. Class members are given at least 10 days advance notice of meetings of the class.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Class is an entity operating within the administrative purview of the Office of the Provost of Clemson University.

Section 2. The Class is subject to the regulations of the University.

Section 3. The Class shall be administered by its elected officers.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The four officers of the Class shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves. The Officers shall serve as an Executive Committee which will conduct the

business of the Class between regular Class meetings. A quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee is three officers.

Section 2. President

- a) Serves as chair of the Executive Committee.
- b) Serves as the official representative of the Class to the Clemson University administration and as the spokesperson for the Class.
- c) Provides leadership for Class programs and activities.
- d) Communicates Class activities to the membership.
- e) Calls all regular and special meetings of the Class and presides at these meetings.
- f) Appoints ad hoc committees (including their chairs) as necessary to implement the objectives of the Class. These appointments are subject to approval by the Executive Committee.
- g) Appoints non ex officio members of the Reunion Committee.
- h) Proposes an interim officer or an alternative solution if an officer resigns or is unable to complete a term. Any such proposal must be approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Vice President

- a) Serves as a member of the Class Executive Committee.
- b) Serves in the role of President in the President's absence.
- c) Serves as chair of the Reunion Committee.

Section 4. Secretary

- a) Serves as a member of the Class Executive Committee.
- b) Maintains all Class membership records.
- c) Records and distributes minutes for the Executive Committee, Reunion Committee and Class meetings.

Section 5. Treasurer

- a) Serves as a member of the Class Executive Committee.

- b) Maintains the Class checking account, deposits income, pays bills, and reports the state of finances to the membership.
- c) Receives reports of all Class accounts and endowments from the Clemson University Foundation and communicates such reports to the membership.

ARTICLE VI - STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Section 1. Nomination Committee

- a) Consists of three members of the Class elected annually for three-year terms except that the initial three members will be elected one each to a three-, two- or one-year term. The members may succeed themselves.
- b) Prepares a slate of Class officers and member(s) of the Nominations Committee for each election.
- c) Solicits, reviews and presents nominations for honorary membership for election by the membership.
- d) Nominates a recipient of the Class of '39 Award for Excellence for election by the membership to serve on the Committee of Award Winners whenever a vacancy occurs.

Section 2. Reunion Committee

- a) Shall be a committee of no less than eight Class members, four of whom are the Executive Committee. The other appointees shall serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves.
- b) Shall meet as necessary to plan the annual reunion consisting of a memorial service, social time, dinner, membership induction, and entertainment.
- c) Shall seek to maintain the reunion traditions and practices of the original members of the Class.

Section 3. Committee of Award Winners

- a) Shall be a committee of six recipients of the Class of 1939 Award for Faculty Excellence as named in Exhibit 12, page 24, of the June 9, 2010, Class of '39 Award Fund Agreement.

- b) Shall elect its own chair.
- c) Shall meet as needed in accordance with the Fund Agreement of the Class of '39 Award for Faculty Excellence

ARTICLE VII - QUORUM AND VOTING

Section 1. Meetings of the Class membership

- a) A quorum shall consist of at least two officers and no fewer than ten additional members of the Class.
- b) A majority of votes cast by the Class members present shall be necessary for the adoption of motions. This does not apply to motions concerning the Bylaws (see Article X).

ARTICLE VIII - WAYS AND MEANS

Section 1. Finances

- a) Contributions to Class endowments and accounts administered by the Clemson University Foundation shall be solicited by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary.
- b) The Class shall maintain a checking account to receive and disburse registration funds for the annual reunion.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Meetings of the Class shall be conducted under the latest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.

ARTICLE X- ADOPTION OF AND CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Section 1. The adoption of and amendments to the Bylaws require distribution to the membership at least 10 days prior to voting, and the approval of all of the following:

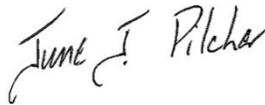
- a) The Class by two-thirds of the votes cast by Class members;
- b) The Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost of Clemson University.

Section 2. In the event that the Class is not able to continue to make progress in accomplishing its purposes, the Class may be dissolved.

- a) Dissolution may be initiated only by Class members and requires the same approval procedure as amendments to the Bylaws (see Section 1 above).
- b) Any funds remaining in Class accounts with the Clemson University Foundation and the Class checking account shall be donated to an existing endowment of the Class.

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Approvals



President, Class of '39



Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost